UGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Government of India has taken a decision to deduct the outstanding dues, as on November/December 1996 of Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministries of Power, Railways, Coal and Department of Atomic Energy through Central Appropriation to States/Uts/National Capital Territory of Delhi as per the following details:

Sl. No.	Ministries	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1.	Ministry of Power	8512.26
2.	Ministry of Railways	1112.93
3.	Deptt. of Atomic Energy	1648.00
4.	Ministry of Coal	3767.51
	Total	15040.70

(c) To minimise the impact of the above deduction it has been decided that not more than 15% of the Central Plan Assistance payable to the State Governments would be appropriated annually.

Privatisation of GS-15 Field of Krishna Godavari Basin

*194. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC proposes to privatise the GS-15 field of the Krishna Godavari Basin in Andhra Pradesh:

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the officials have given any proposals to economically produce gas worth Rs 5 lakhs a day with nominal investment of Rs 50 corres per platform and structure in the sea; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not agreeing to the above proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) to (c) No such specific proposals is under consideration of the Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.

Pending Proposals for Setting up of Thermal Power Projects

*195. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals for setting up of Thermal Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh are pending with Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to expedite the clearance of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) A proposal for setting up of a coal fired station (2×260 MW) at Ramagundam in Andhra Pradesh was received by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on 11.2.1997. The decision to accord techno-economic clearance to the project would be taken by CEA subject to various inputs having been tied up and the requisite clearances from the competent authority obtained.

Besides the above, the investment approval is yet to be accorded to NTPC for setting up the 2×500 MW Simadhri TPS. For Vishakhapatnam coal fired station (2×500 MW) being implemented as an independent power project, the requisite clearances have been accorded by CEA and other authorities and the project is under consideration of the Government of India for grant of counter guarantee. For the other proposals, the project promoters/SEBs have yet to tie up the requisite inputs and submit/resubmit the